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EXPORT OF PROCESSED FOOD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether implementation of the scheme to promote export of processed food is necessary to give impetus to the setting up a food processing industry in the country;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether the government have formulated any scheme to promote the export of processed food;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TH. CHAOBA SINGH)

(a) to (e): Government provide assistance under the Plan Scheme for development of food processing sector which also include units engaged in export production. The assistance provided in this regard include the following :-

(i) Provision of Grant/Loan for establishment of post harvest infrastructure and cold chain facilities for food processing, assistance for undertaking research and development, human resource development, for development and modernization of Fruit & Vegetable processing, meat processing, fish processing and marketing.

(ii) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and strengthening of quality control including adoption of quality control systems such as ISO 9000/ HACCP at export units.

(iii) Arranging promotional campaigns such as buyer-seller meets and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.

(iv) Setting up integrated cargo handling cold storage facilities at various international airports.